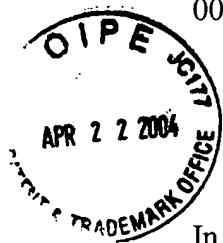


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed. These documents were recently cited in the attached European Search Report, issued in a foreign counterpart application, mailed on March 31, 2004. The Abstracts of Japanese Patent Document Nos. 9-150137 and 2001-205245 were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of December 19, 2003, and therefore, are not being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

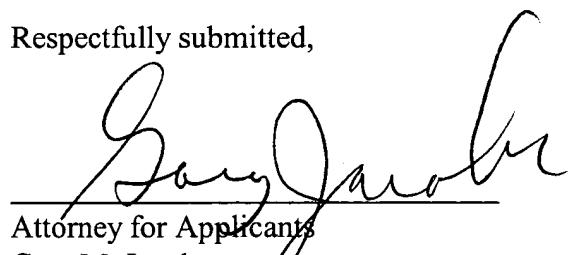
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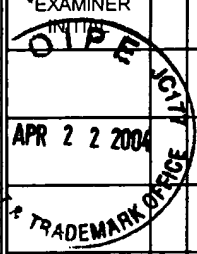
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